



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-2329, **Agenda Item #:** 93.

7/29/2021

Posting Language

Authorize award of a contract with Thermo Electron North America d/b/a Thermo Electron North America, LLC, to provide an ion chromatography system in an amount not to exceed \$62,675.

(Note: This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods and services required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

Lead Department

Purchasing Office.

Client Department(s)

Austin Water.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Operating Budget of Austin Water.

Purchasing Language:

The Purchasing Office issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 2200 PAT1043 for these goods and services. The solicitation issued on February 1, 2021 and it closed on March 2, 2021. Of the two offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the lowest responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bids received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: [Solicitation Documents](https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=135030)
<https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=135030>.

Prior Council Action:

For More Information:

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov <<mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov>>

NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Person: Paul Trimble, at 512-974-1714 or paul.trimble@austintexas.gov <<mailto:paul.trimble@austintexas.gov>>.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

July 14, 2021 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on an 8-0 vote with Commissioner Williams absent and two vacancies.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide for the purchase, installation, and training of an ion chromatography system for use at

the Walnut Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant, Environmental Analytical Services Laboratory. The City will use the system in conjunction with EPA 300 methodology to analyze wastewater, drinking water, and environmental samples. The beneficial advantages of using an ion chromatography system are reliability, accuracy, high speed, high separation efficiency, and the low cost of consumables. The City will use the ion chromatography system to ensure compliance under the Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water Acts.

If the City is unable to secure a contract, Austin Water will be required to send out water analyses to a third party that would cost approximately \$100,000 per year.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.